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In re patent application of

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For: SPECIMEN HOLDER FOR A HIGH-PRESSURE FREEZING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10 as originally filed with the amended claims as follows:

--3. (Amended) The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein a spacer ring (9) fabricated from metal is provided between the shaped parts (2; 3).

5. (Amended) The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein the other shaped part (3) is fabricated from metal, is of disk-shaped configuration, and comprises a shaped-on bead (8) running around the rim.

7. (Amended) The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 3, wherein gold or aluminum or copper is used the metal.

9. (Amended) The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein the diamond is configured as polycrystalline CVD diamond.

10. (Amended) The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the shaped parts (2, 3, 4) is configured with an irregularly shaped surface.--

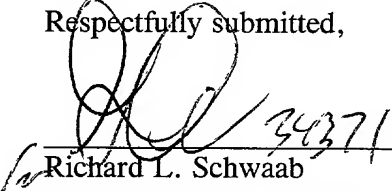
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims. It is also requested that the amendments to Claim 5 to remove a clerical error be entered. A marked-up version of the claims showing the changes made is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

3. The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1[or 2], wherein a spacer ring (9) fabricated from metal is provided between the shaped parts (2; 3).

5. The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 1[or 2], wherein the other shaped part (3) [[is[]] fabricated from metal, [[is[]] of disk-shaped configuration, and comprises a shaped-on bead (8) running around the rim.

7. The specimen holder (1) as defined in Claim 3[or 5], wherein gold or aluminum or copper is used the metal.

9. The specimen holder (1) as defined in [at least one of the foregoing claims] Claim 1, wherein the diamond is configured as polycrystalline CVD diamond.

10. The specimen holder (1) as defined in [at least one of the foregoing claims] Claim 1, wherein at least one of the shaped parts (2, 3, 4) is configured with an irregularly shaped surface.